

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lead-acid battery comprising positive and negative plates and a separator positioned between said positive and negative plates, said positive plates having a grid of an alloy comprising about 0.025% to 0.065% calcium, about 0.4% to 1.9% tin, about 0.02% to 0.045% silver, and the remainder lead, the percentages being by weight of the alloy, said grid being of an alloy strip [rolled at a temperature from about the solvus temperature up to less than the peritectic temperature of the alloy composition] comprising an α -lead rich phase having a face centered cubic structure.

2. (Currently Amended) The battery of claim 9 1, wherein the rolled strip has been heat-aged at a temperature of about 200°F to 500°F for a time to increase the population of special grain boundaries in the rolled strip.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to FIG. 4. The sheet for FIGS. 3 and 4 replace the originally filed sheet and incorporate the proper reference numbers. Antecedent basis for the change can be found on page 15, line 24, of the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet and Marked Copy.